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Thinking Out Loud

(By H. M. L.)

NRAs, and CWAs, SERAs, in fact the entire national list of alphabetical pulmonators and resuscitators may come and go, but gold goes on forever. Sooner or later every national government realizes its impotence without a reserve of that yellow metal. It is the sinews of war, the red blood of trade, and the corporeal reality of peace.

A notable victory was scored Wednesday by Congressman Harry L. Englebright, of this city and the second California district, when the Board of U. S. Army Engineers tossed the Jackson report of the California Debris Commission out of the window, and recommended to the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress that four dams to cost a little less than $7,000,000 be constructed on the Yuba, Bear and American rivers for the purpose of storing debris from hydraulic mining.

We regard this as the crowning achievement of Congressman Englebright's career in Congress. That masterly marshalling of facts and figures which he presented in his appeal to the Board of Engineers, carried the day. No gold county in the state will reap such a harvest of prosperity as will Nevada County, for the reason that nowhere in the world are there such areas of gold bearing gravel as there are in this.

Omitting the historical data with which Congressman Englebright prefaced his address, we have printed in another column the text of his appeal to the board. Referring to the prejudiced statement of the Jackson report concerning lack of data regarding gold contents and areas of the gravel on the Bear, American and Yuba watersheds, in view of all the figures available, Englebright exclaims: "To doubt these values, is just as much a surprise as to doubt the well known salt contents of the Atlantic Ocean."

The NRA as designed and applied by the New Dealers is no more. The only hope of its continuance in any form, at this writing, is through mutual agreement among members of each industrial group. Through the decision of the United States Supreme Court all the legal props have been knocked from under this structure. There will be no more jailings and finings of rebellious and recalcitrant members of industry groups. For every independent, upstanding American who believes sincerely that within certain limits individual freedom and initiative will get this nation further along the road of civilization than submergence in state socialism possibly can, this is good news.

While the legal props have been knocked away, it is well to remember that one of the great attributes of the NRA was the moral force, the reaffirmation and stressing of the policy of fair dealing that really motivated the National Recovery Act. Among other things it abolished child labor, so prevalent in the South, and so inhuman and cruel. It halted the exploitation not only of child labor but the exploitation of labor of any kind. While it did not accomplish it, it was primarily intended, also, to halt the oppression great corporations practiced upon small businesses and industries.

We surmise that these moral forces will continue to ferment in the social body. That whatever was of social advantage will be salvaged not only because of its social value, but because national economy suffers tremendously when social abuses are permitted. For instance, the great majority of the thousands of children employed in southern cotton mills grow up to be liabilities which impose direct burdens upon tax payers, in prisons, on poor farms and in insane asylums. A depleted childhood leads to depleted and degenerate manhood and womanhood. No waste of this rich commonwealth has been or is so shameful as the waste of human materials.

OUTDOOR P. T. A. MEETING

Washington Grammar School P. T. A. members are planning an outdoor meeting Friday afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock, in the new, or Pioneer Park on Nimrod street in this city. This is to be the last meeting until school re-opens in the fall. Dainty refreshments are to be served picnic style. The committee on arrangements were Mesdames W. E. Young, Al Williams, S. Norton and Tyhurst.

Gold Rush Days Are Celebrated in Auburn



Left to Right—Wayne Lewis, George McAuley, H. E. Clegg. Placer Co. Bank—$10,000 of gold on counter.

AUBURN, May 30.—The Queen of the Auburn Gold Rush Revival will be crowned Friday night, May 31st, immediately following a torchlight parade through the streets of Auburn. The Gold Nugget Dance Hall and Helldorado Gambling Hall and Bar will be officially opened Friday evening.

The '49 Parade will be the big feature Saturday morning. This will be a very colorful affair with floats, covered wagons, stage coaches, Indians in their native costumes, old prospectors with their packs and burros, and hundreds of men and women dressed in '49 costumes.

Judging of Placer County's best Out-door Girl will be held Saturday afternoon. Girls representing all of the high schools in Placer County have already been chosen for the final judging. The winner will be eligible to compete at the Salinas Rodeo in July, where California's best Our-door High School Girl will be selected. The winner at Salinas will receive a free trip to Honolulu.

The Pony Express will carry mail between Auburn and Ophir. Extra covers have been made available. They will be franked with Green Pony adhesive and hand stamped cachet in the form of cancellation, describing the route and event. A charge of 50c is being made for covers to be franked and delivered to the Pony Express. The orders should be sent to William H. Culbert, Treasurer, care of Wells Fargo Bank, 14 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

A Chinese Mining Camp operated the same as those in '49 will be running during the celebration, in the Auburn Ravine. The ancestors of some of the men who will be working in this camp mined for gold in the same spot in the early fifties, using the same kind of equipment.

Old Time Fiddlers from all over Northern California are coming to compete in the Old Time Fiddlers Contest, which will be held Sunday evening.

Two Donkey Baseball games will be among the highlights of the Revival. Saturday the Auburn 20-30 Club has challenged the P. S. E. A. and on Sunday the Whiskerinos of Auburn will play the Roseville Hangout.

Hiss the villian — applaud the hero. The "Drunkard" will be put on the stage of the State Theatre by the same cast that played the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. There will be a continuous performance Saturday and Sunday.

Boxing bouts between Company E and Company B of the 184th Infantry will be held Saturday night. Pat Clayton of Company E will meet Andy Nolella of Company B in the 135 pound class; Jack Clayton will meet Jimmy Humphreys in the 155 pound class, and Glenn Leavitt and Jack Ward, both from Company E, will be the heavyweight bout.

Gold valued at over $100,000 will be on display in the Placer County Bank. In this collection are many formations of gold, including several nuggets valued between $500 and $1,000 each.

Dancing will be in the Gold Nugget Dance Hall, afternoon and evening, with music by Captain Carter and his Midshipmen, and LeDuc's eleven piece orchestra.

ODIFERUS CELEBRATES CLAMPERS MARCH IN AUBURN'S GOLD RUSH

Adam Lee Moore, Clampatriarch of the order of E. Clampus Vitus, who was, in the late Sixties, Grand Humbug of the Sierra City lodge, has written the following odiferous to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia," celebrating the Gold Rush at Auburn which opens tomorrow:

Bring the good old Hewgag boys
And sound it loud and strong;
Blow it with a vigor to gather up the throng;
Blow it like we used to blow it as we sang our song,
While we are marching on Auburn.

CHORUS:

Hurrah! Hurrah! for the Lodge of E. C. V.
Hurrah! Hurrah! forever let it be.
The Clampers have revived again
From the mountains to the sea,
And now we are marching on Auburn.
The Clampers and the Whiskerinos
All have joined this time,
To celebrate the Gold Rush
Like the days of forty-nine;
Everybody's happy, and everything's sublime,
We're proud that we're marching in Auburn.

NEV. CITY HIGH STUDENTS PICNIC

This afternoon the high school will picnic at Lake Olympia. All Nevada City high school students who attend school this morning will be admitted free. The program of the all-school picnic it is follows: Dismissal after fifth period in the afternoon at two o'clock. The trip to Lake Olympia will be made in private cars and possibly the San Juan bus. In the afternoon, games will be directed by Coach Barron, and there will be swimming for those who so desire.

At six, time will be taken for supper, which the students will have brought for themselves. From seven thirty to ten there will be dancing in the pavilion in the lake.

The students are looking forward to a bang-up good time.

Joseph Polmere of Berkeley was here for Memorial Day.

CAPITALISTS OF NEW YORK SEEK MINE PROPERTY

Major Leroy DeLaney, returning Tuesday from New York brings the news that he has been delegated by a group of New York capitalists to find them a mine in this district. They are willing to finance any worthy proposition in the way of quartz property from $200,000 to as much as $5,000,000.

Major DeLaney was in New York on business not concerning mining but in meeting old friends he found that they were tremendously interested in gold mines. They asked him to look up a property for them and they would send their own engineers out for examination of the property.

These men are willing to buy outright or if conditions are acceptable will go in with the present owners and help develop a quartz property.

Major DeLaney already has been in touch with one or two owners of mining claims and partially developed mines. He believes that the eyes of Eastern capitalists with money to invest are turned towards the goldfields of California. He states that these friends are not only interested bp enthusiastic in their quest for a worthwhile mining property.

The Major forecasts a very prosperous era for Nevada County basing it not only upon interests manifested in quartz mining by the people he met in New York but also upon the impending revival in placer mining which is now assured through the recommendation of the United States Board of Army Engineers who have recommended that $6,945,000 be expended for the erection of four debris dams on the American and Yuba Rivers.

SHERIFF SEEKS MURDER VICTIM IDENTIFICATION

Sheriff Carl Tobiassen, asked yesterday, what progress was being made in identifying the man found murdered near the Salmon Mine Tuesday morning of last week, stated that he and his deputies are following a number of clues, some of which he was hopeful would lead to the identification.

"Dozens of people" said the sheriff stated, "after viewing the remains at Coroner Jefford's mortuary, that they were positive they had seen the man, but they were unable to give his name or state where he lived." Finding of the cartridges of the 32 calibre automatic pistol, identified with the bullets taken from the murdered man's body, the sheriff thinks, will be an important bit of evidence when the identification of the dead man is completed.

SOLDIER DEAD ARE HONORED

Memorial Day was fittingly observed yesterday in Nevada City in spite of inclement weather. A parade was held in the morning, starting from the Armory Hall at ten o'clock and continuing down Broad to the Plaza, then up Main street to Commercial to Pine, where they turned south into Broad. The parade marched up Broad street to the theatre, where the march finished, and where memorial services were held.

The order of the parade follows: Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Grass Valley High School Band, Nevada City high school, Nevada City High School Band, and then the Washington grammar school children.

The two bands, with their colorful red and yellow, and purple and gold capes, sounded a gay note with their sprightly music and bright colors.

Nearly all the marchers carried bouquets of some sort to be placed on the graves of the soldier dead.

As the Memorial Day parade disbursed in front of the Nevada Theatre the Nevada City and Grass Valley bands played a number and the

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Englebright Scores Great Victory For Hydraulic Mining

A jubilant telegram received by the Nevada City Nugget Wednesday afternoon from Harry L. Englebright, Representative in Congress from this city and district, tells the story of another victory scored by him in obtaining the reversal of the adverse report of the California Debris Commission upon the building of debris dams. The United States Board of Army Engineers has approved the project. Colonel Jackson, head of the Debris Commission, who wrote the report is overruled.

Unquestionably a new day is dawning for the gold producing counties, especially Nevada County, in which lie the largest areas of gold bearing gravels. Almost seven millions of dollars will be spent in this vicinity for the construction of the dams authorized. This expenditure and the renewed activity in hydraulic mining mean a long period of prosperity for this county, an era, in fact, which should rival any period in the past.

The telegram from Congressman Englebright follows:

Publisher Nevada City Nugget,
Nevada City, Calif.

Happy to tell you I have been successful in appeal I made here to Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors for a reversal of the unfavorable conclusion of Jackson report in matter of government construction of hydraulic mining dams on American, Bear and Yuba Rivers. The board of engineers today send to congress report recommending the federal government construct four dams at cost of six million, nine hundred forty-five thousand dollars for resumption of hydraulic mining as follows: A dam at Dogbar site on Bear River, a dam at Northforks site of American, a dam at Lower Ruchachucky site on the Middle Fork of the American River and a dam at Upper Narrows site on Yuba River. The Board of Engineers stated in its report to Congress that gravel deposits proposed for mining had been investigated and reported upon by qualified mining engineers and their reports and reports made by governmental agencies, both state and federal, indicate there are ample workable gravel deposits of sufficient value to insure use of proposed storage dams. The report also states construction of the four dams is economically justified and revenue from sale of debris storage rights will reimburse the government for cost of construction. Dams are to be constructed under provisions of Englebright amendment to Caminetti Act. The board also recommends that before any construction work is started the secretary of war be satisfied that storage space will be used by hydraulic miners.

This is first time since the closing of hydraulic mines in 1884 that the federal government has ever recognized hydraulic mining industry or recommended that it be resumed under federal aid. I am very happy, indeed, to have been able to bring about this victory for the hydraulic mining interests.

(Signed):
HARRY L. ENGLEBRIGHT.

This in part is the statement of H. L. Englebright, before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors of the U. S. War Department, in appealing from the conclusions of the Jackson Report as rendered by the California Debris Commission, in the matter of the construction of hydraulic mining dams on the Bear, American and Yuba rivers.

In the closing of the hydraulic mines by the Sawyer decision in 1884, the loss to the state and to the nation has been tremendous.

The gold production of the placer mines of California from 1848 to the time of the closing of the hydraulic mines in 1884, was over $1,000,000,000 in gold.

In the fall of 1891, a number of citizens of Placer county, one of the counties affected and in the heart of the hydraulic mining industry, called a convention to ascertain whether anything could be done to revive the hydraulic mining industry.

I would like to at this point impress upon the Board that this convention; was called, for the purpose of rehabilitating hydraulic mining. At this convention a plan was formulated to call a state convention and to memorialize Congress for needed legislation. The state convention was later called in San Francisco and representatives of both farming and hydraulic mining interests attended. A common plan was agreed upon, both interests realizing that they were dependent one upon the other. The basis of this agreement was the report of a federal commission which had been created by special act of Congress upon the suggestion of the California legislature.

It was shown by this report, that is the report of the commission created by the special act of Congress, that dams and other restraining works could be erected in the streams for the restraining of debris from the hydraulic mining operations.

STATE CONVENTION

The state convention requested Congress to accept and adopt the report of the commission and to take steps so that hydraulic mining might

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FAITHFUL DOG SAVES MASTER FROM RATTLER

CAMPTONVILLE, May 30.—William A. Newman, nightwatchman at Indian Hill Mine, nine miles north of this place, was saved from being bitten by a rattlesnake by his dog. He and the dog were going down the trail, a large rattler was coiled on the bank of the trail ahead, and was ready to spring and strike Newman when his dog made a quick jump at the snake, the reptile striking the dog twice in the mouth, but saving the man.

The dog, man's ever faithful companion, was given treatment and is still surviving although quite ill.

SCOUT COUNCIL MEETS AT DINNER TONIGHT

There will be a special dinner meeting this evening of members of the Nevada City District Boy Scout Council at the National hotel. The meeting is called for 6:30 p. m. Horace A. Curnow, chairman of the council, states that important matters are to be discussed and urges all members to be present.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY CLASS OF 1935

The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of 1935 of the Nevada City high school will be preached Sunday at 7:30 p. m. at the Methodist church by Rev. H. H. Buckner. The graduating class will have a section reserved for them and all sit together.

Music of the program will be rendered by a union choir. Mrs. Lyda Talbot will sing a solo.

HALF CENTURY CLUB WILL MEET SUNDAY

The Nevada County Half-Century Club will hold its annual meeting at the Bret Harte Inn, Sunday, June 2. Requirement for membership in this club is fifty years residence in Nevada County.

Six members have passed away since the last meeting of the club and at this meeting M. Henry Argall will speak in their memory.

It is expected that many new members will join at this meeting of the club.

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Capitalism to Persist

(Contributed)

Capitalism is slated for a long and lusty life and shows none of the ailing symptoms ascribed to it by the score of economic and political wizards now dotting the American landscape, H. L. Mencken, editor and wrtier, declared in Liberty this week.

Asserting that the prime exponent of Socialism, Russia, in reality conforms precisely to the capitalist pattern, Mr. Mencken writes in Liberty magazine "It is unadulterated rubbish, hooey and blah to say that our system is on the way out."

"Capitalism has wrought enormous improvements in living conditions, providing American workmen with better homes, clothing, food, education and institutions while in Russia, it is a different story.

"The Bolsheviki are mainly scoundrels but not many of them are fools," he states. "They went into office howling against capital, but they saw at once that their first and most important job was to accumulate it. The lack of it almost reduced Russia to starvation.

"The program of the Soviet blows up at least half of the gaudy theory of Marxism and convicts them of gross hypocracy that borders on the comic. It cannot substitute for a system that has produced such fine institutions as the Library of Congress, the John Hopkins Medical School and the Philadelphia Orchestra," he contends.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO BUILDER'S EXCHANGE

A Woman's Auxiliary was formed at the meeting of the Nevada County Builder's Exchange Wednesday evening.

One of the first works of this auxiliary will be to care for the comfort and pleasure of wives of exchange members who will attend the convention in Grass Valley on June 22. Mrs. Paul Jenks was elected president and Mrs. Ralph Baker, secretary.

It is expected that the June 22 convention of the Northern California Builder's Exchange will bring 300 visitors to Grass Valley.

Wednesday night's meeting of the exchange was followed by social time and refreshments.

A minstrel show at the Veterans Memorial building will be given during the convention.

SUMMARY SERA WORK CAMPTONVILLE DISTRICT

SERA activities in the Camptonville district since started December first, three local projects have been completed. Improvement of Camptonville district, which included a fire break around town; widening of the streets, drainage improvement and installation of a covered concrete culvert along Main street, erection of several sets of concrete steps, erection of a rock waterway carrying the drainage out of town; the cleaning and rehabilation of the Camptonville General Public Cemetery. Supplementary with this work, the Forest Service completed their headquarters for the Camptonville district, and their local plant is much of an addition to the town.

A school project was likewise completed, consisting of painting two school buildings inside and out, cleaning out the yard, brushing and trimming the trees, erecting two courts for the children to play, a large one for the larger pupils and a small one for the little tots, improved water drains to remove the street surface water from gutting the school yard.

A small forest project was also completed, cutting brush along the old Garden Valley road, as a fire protection measure; the road brushed and the brush burned.

Two new projects have been approved and are being commenced at this time! another school project includes the repair of the grammar school building; a new porch on the rear with a concrete gutter, and a new galvanized iron roof on the entire buildin, and the erection of two new toilets, as per specifications of the State Board of Health.

A new road project will be started shortly, which provides for a moderate amount of work on each outlaying road in this vicinity, which includes Mill Creek, Weeds Points, Old Mountain Houes, Pike City, Moonshine, Oak Valley, Garden Valley, Marysville, Pike City-Freeman's Crossing. The work will consist of labor and the hauling of some rock and gravel.

The successful completion of these last two projects depend upon the relief roll in this vicinity during the next two months. If industry starts up and men now working on relief are able to gain other employment, the relief crew will be cut down, and may even subside before the work is completed.

The relief work on this section has been very helpful during the past few months, the men on the roll, having employment, being able to take care of their families without want or suffering, and at the same time, improvements being accomplised of a lasting nature that could not have otherwise been afforded.

The school projects were sponsored by the local board of trustees and the other projects by Supervisor W. J. Mellon.

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A wild eyed stranger clutched my arm,
"There was a ship," quoth he,
"The eagle on its mizzen mast
Was blue as blue could be;
And there were nine black crows," he groaned,
And trembled in his fright,
"They dragged that eagle from his perch—
A truly fearsome sight!!

The wild eyed stranger shrieked at me,
"That bird's a total loss,
I ought to know for years ago
I killed the albatross;
It lies supine upon the deck,
Bereft of strength and motion,
As silent as a painted bird
Upon a painted ocean."

"Be calm, be calm oh stranger guest,"
Said Files on parade,
"This land is still the U. S. A.,
Why are you so afraid?
Perhaps the eagle's moulting now,
And shortly will revive,
Perhaps in plumage fresh and new,
The creature will survive."

The wild eyed stranger gasped and fled—
He seemed like one distraught,
Who thought that all the land had gained
Had straightway come to naught;
But Files and I pursued our way,
Engaged in conversation,
And, "ain't no sense in gettin' scared,"
Was Files' observation.

—A. MERRIAM CONNER.

TWELVE PATROLS EARN RIGHT TO CAMPORAL

Twelve patrols of Tahoe Area Council Scouts earned the right last week, at the Council Spring Camporee, to attend the Northern California Camporal at Richmond next October. This is one more patrol than the number that participated last fall. These patrols, 84 Scouts, earned an "A" rating. Seven other patrols rated "B", one a "C" and a new patrol a "D".

The Camporee this year according to the judges showed a decided improvement in camping equipment, something the Scouts had made themselves or had worked for and earned. Cooking and general activities were greatly improved.

CARD PARTY

Ponemah Council, Degree of Pocahontas, are preparing to give a card party on Monday evening, May 27 in Pythian Castle. Prizes are to be awarded for high scores in whist, bridge and mah jongg, as well as a door prize.

Mrs. William Maher of Oakland was a Memorial Day visitor with her brother, George Walling.

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BOWLING

Tuesday night the leading Scheemer team was given a blank by the Clarke team 4-0. The score follows:

Scheemer Team: Scheemer 390; Randall 336; Wiedauf 494; Arbogast 342; Wright 444. Total pins 636 693 683—2022. Total points won 0.

Clarke Team: Clarke 458; Fowler 324; Tamblyn 411; Merriam 348; Finnegan 362; H'Cap 72 72 72—216. Total pins 656 716 747—2119. Total points won 4.

Richards Team: Richards 440; Huson 465; Skeahan 321; Johnson 390; Durbin 480. Total pins 685 662 719—2066. Points won 2.

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Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Buckner and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Murchie are enjoying a few days visit in San Francisco.

SCOUTS LOOKING TOWARD PAHATSI

With school vacation starting in some cases, the thoughts of boys and Scouts in particular, are turning to the summer Cub and Scout camp held by the Tahoe Area Council at Camp Pahatsi on Kilborn Lake in the high Sierras. There the campers can spend a true vacation away from the heat. This will be the sixth season at Kilborn Lake.

The Junior Camp staff is being selected as usual from older scouts recommended by their Scoutmasters and Troop committee, as a result of the Scouts activity in the troop during the year. Applicants will be selected on the basis of their qualifications for the various camp activities and duties, such as mess officer, handicraft leaders, campfire leader. waterfront, swimming, store, sanitation, hikes, camp newspaper, camp mechanic, nature and game leader.

This year, due to the prospective abundance of snow, there are promises of some different features in camp activities. Archery probably will be an added attraction.

According to William E. Sharp, local camp chairman the camp for 9, 10 and 11 year old boys will be started June 30 and continue one week. Registrations for this camp have been coming in rapidly this last week. Scout camp will start July 7 for three, one week periods and the indications point to a full camp each period.

MINING DEVELOPMENT WORK TO BE SUSPENDED

The Senate has passed and the Rules Committee of the House has approved the bill which would suspend the requirement that holders of mining claims must do $100 worth of development work on their claims before July 1, 1935. The bill will be brought up for consideration in the House under a limitation of one hour's debate. There seems every indication that this bill will be passed and signed by the President during the next few days.

SIERRA COUNTY MINES

BALD MOUNTAIN MINE

A new channel has been struck in drifting operations in a 2,000 foot tunnel on the Bald Mountain property near Forest. The mine is well equipped, the company having just installed a large motor and loading machine that will speed up development and mining at the property. Eight men are employed under Superintendent Powers.

SOUTH FORK MINE

Sinking is going forward on ledge matter in the Amethyst shaft on the South Fork mine, at the head of Oregon creek near Forest. A Los Angeles company is developing the property and worked a crew of men all winter on a channel on the property.

CIRCLE MINE

The Circle mine in Forest is working four men two shifts. The company is encountering good values in ore in their sinking operations. Earl Bradubury is superintendent.

YOUNG AMERICA MINE

The diamond drilling program as started last fall is being continued at the Young America group of claims near Sierra City on Sardine Lake. Equipment had to be taken in over the snow. The company planned to reopen on May 20, but on account of slowly melting snow of some depth the work was postponed until June first. H. R. Plate and associates of the Spring Hill mine, between Nevada City and Grass Valley, are developing the property.

From Aunt Sarah

What shall we have for dinner? Have you heard that before? Here are two main dishes that will give a change for the meat course. A nice thing about these recipes is that they can be gotten ready in the morning and put into the oven at night.

Ground Beef in Casserole

Make a dressing as for chicken dressing of bread crumbs with onion and spice seasoning. Grease casserole and place the dressing in it. On top of the dressing place a thick layer of ground roundsteak that has been well seasoned with minced fried onions, salt, pepper, sage and thyme. Put the uncovered casserole into a hot oven for fifteen minutes, then put the cover on and bake slowly for about forty minutes more. Dot the top with butter.

Meat Turnovers

Mix ground roundsteak with minced fried onions, and seasoning to taste. Mix this with a raw egg then pat out into pan cake form about the size of a bread and butter plate. Pile in the center of this meat pancake fried sliced bell peppers and a slice of tomato, season. Fold the meat up to cover the vegetables. Fry in a very hot pan on both sides then cover the pan and saute until the meat is thoroughly done. This is delicious and rich and almost a whole meal in one dish.

Mrs. Verda Arnhart of Sacramento and her sister Mrs. Walter Willis of Willows were house guests of Mrs. F. A. Farmer over Memorial Day.

Mrs. John Werry of Berkeley was a Memorial Day visitor in Nevada City.

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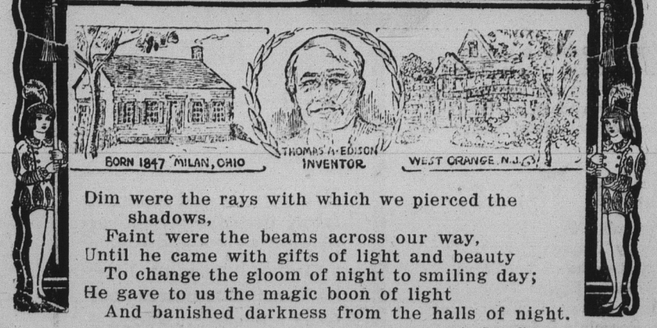
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be carried on and the debris restrained from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

The result of this action, that is of the State Convention, was the enactment of a bill by Congress known as the Caminetti Act, and was passed in 1893. As you know, it is an act to create the California Debris Commission and to regulate hydraulic mining in California. Under the Act, it is the duty of the Commission to make examinations and surveys and improvements which will restore the rivers to the state and conditions of 1860; to permit hydraulic mining to be carried on provided the same can be accomplished without injury to the navigability of the said rivers, and to make a study of the hydraulic mining industry and use such research as science and energy and skill may suggest in devising a method whereby such mining may be carried on. The commission is empowered to erect dams for the retention of mining debris.

CAMINETTI ACT'S PURPOSE

The Act has two purposes: One the protection of the navigability of the streams mentioned and the regulation of hydraulic mining under proper regulations and the construction of hydraulic mining dams with federal funds. In other words, the Caminetti Act endeavored to carry out the purposes of the deliberations from which it had its origin, that is, the Placer County Convention, the State Convention, the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, and the recommendations of the special commission appointed by act of Congress to formulate legislation and devise plans for the resumption of hydraulic mining.

The very first Act of Congress concerning this problem, therefore, was to recognize that the hydraulic mining industry and the hydraulic miner were entitled to federal assistance.

Although the Caminetti Act provided for the construction of debris dams with federal funds, nothing was done under this provision inasmuch as later it proved impracticable of operation because it directed that the Government funds advanced should be repaid from a fixed percentage of the gross gold production of the mines. This fixed percentage proved to be inadequate and not sufficient to pay for the cost of construction of restraining dams and other works necessary for the control of the debris from the hydraulic mining operations.

AMENDMENT ADOPTED

In order to make the law workable, during the 73rd Congress, I succeeded in having Congress pass an amendment to the Caminetti Act which provides that funds advanced by the United States for the construction of debris dams shall be repaid on the basis of a storage charge per cubic yard of gravel, representing the capital cost of the structure divided by the yardage of its debris capacity as determined by the California Debris Commission.

In other words, the amendment, of which I had the privilege of being the author, provided a mathematical formula and definite plan for the repayment of any federal funds that were advanced for the construction of dams. Speaking broadly, it made the projects self-liquidating, inasmuch as the cost of storage is figured from the capacity of the dam in relation to the capital cost of the structure.

As a result of the Englebright Act, and also in recognition of the great necessity existing at that time for an adequate gold reserve for this nation, the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives on August 18, 1933, passed a resolution requesting the Board of Engineers for Rivers, and Harbors to determine the advisability of undertaking debris control works on the Bear, American and Yuba Rivers.

DEBRIS BOARD'S INQUIRY

The investigation that followed under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel T. M. Robins, in compliance with this resolution, resulted in the report of February 1, 1934, wherein, among other things, it is stated that provision for debris storage on a large scale on the tributaries of the Sacramento River to permit the revival of hydraulic mining appears feasible and also advisable in the interest of unemployment and industrial recovery. However, it was also recommended in the said report that construction should not be undertaken; that is, the construction of the dams, until further extensive investigations had been made to determine the best location for the dams and other conditions pertaining to making the projects self-liquidating.

In other words, at this time, when Colonel Robins rendered his report, the feasibility, the desirability, and the merits of the project were fully recognized; but he recommended that until detailed plans were formulated no definite construction work should be started.

Colonel Robins' recommendations were approved by your Board and $95,000 was allocated for the formulation of detailed plans, surveys, and investigations.

ENGINEERS APPOINTED

The District Engineer, after the allocation of the $95,000, with the approval of the Division Engineer, appointed an eminent and highly qualified engineer, one U. B. Gilroy, as the principal engineer in charge and responsible for the investigation. Mr. Gilroy was authorized to select an adequate staff of engineers for the purpose of collecting and securing the information and data desired by the California Debris Commission or by your Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

Mr. Gilroy was instructed to report on the physical characteristics of the hydraulic mining deposits within the water sheds of the stream under consideration and to secure other data pertaining to power resources and plans for the working of the individual deposits.

Mr. Gilroy, in due time, completed his staff and during the field investigations the following reports were made:

Report on the Economic Aspects of Hydraulic Mining as applicable to the Hydraulic Mining Debris Investigation of 1934 by U. B. Gilroy under date of December 31 ,1934; also a Report on Water Supply available at Upper Narrows Dam Site, Yuba River. California, by Oswald Spier, Hydraulic Engineer, October 8, 1934; also a report on Hydro-Electric Power as a by-product of Hydraulic Mining Debris Storage at Upper Narraws Dam Site, Yuba River, California, November 24, 1934; by Oswald Speir. This was sent with a letter of transmittal to the District Engineer by Mr. Gilroy.

OTHER USES FOR DAMS

There was also a report on Power Development at Upper Narrows, Yuba River, and Silt Control on the Bear River by F. H. Fowler, Consulting Engineer; also a report on Geologic Investigations Surveys and Explorations of the proposed sites for debris dams on the Yuba, Bear, and American rivers by Hyde Forbes, Consulting Engineer and Geologist.

There was also a report by William Maguire, Jr., December, 1934, No. 7, Report on the Gravel Mines of the Bear, Yuba and American Rivers in California; by William Maguire, Jr., with letter of transmittal dated August 27, 1934. (40 pages), of hydraulic mining properties.

At this time, gentlemen of the Board, I request that these field reports be made a part of the record of this hearing. They are here and were forwarded from California at my request and are now in your file.

FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

These field reports, as rendered by highly competent expert engineers selected by the California Debris Commission for the purpose of securing the necessary data, present a most favorable condition and a most favorable case for the economic construction of dams on the American, Yuba, and Bear Rivers for the storage of hydraulic mining debris.

On February 13, 1935, as a result of the resolution of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives as formerly mentioned, and following the completion of the field and other investigations and the rendering of the field reports just mentioned, the California Debris Commission rendered its report to your Board, wherein it is stated that the Commission recommends against the project on the grounds that there is not sufficient information available to accurately determine the gold contents of the gravel deposits, and that there is no federal interest because of an alleged lack of benefit to navigation.

SALT IN ATLANTIC OCEAN

The statement that there is not sufficient evidence as to the value of the gravel deposits on which to base a definite or a proper idea as to the economic feasibility of the project is perhaps the most startling one that I have ever read in a report from a Government Commission, because there are perhaps more data, more information, and more concrete

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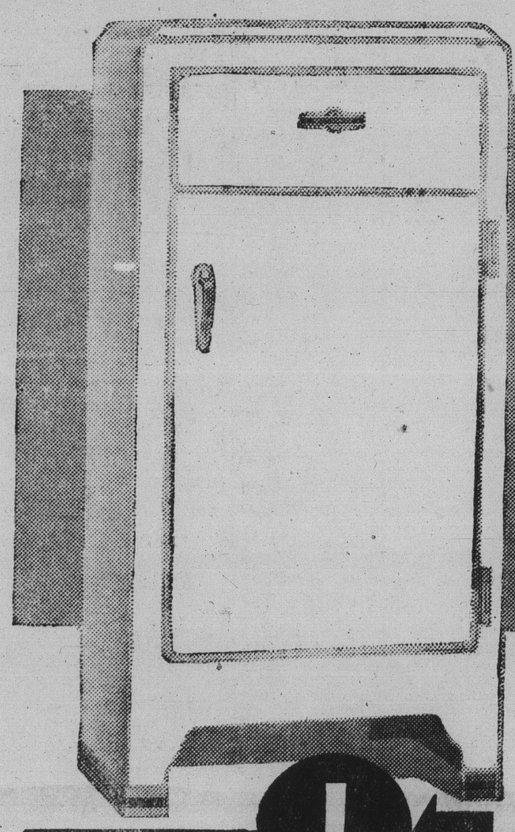
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evidence available as to the values of the gravel deposits, adjacent to the Yuba, Bear and American Rivers in California than exists in any other mining district in the world.

The records of the U. S. Geological Survey, beginning with the report of J. Ross Brown in 1867; of Doctor Lindgren's Professional Paper No. 73 of the U. S. Geological Survey; the records of the State Mineralogist of California; and the reports of eminent mining engineers, supply a most complete line of detailed information showing the past production and values of these ancient river channels.

To doubt these values, within certain limitations of the gravel deposits of these tertiary rivers adjacent to the streams under consideration, is just as much a surprise as if a doubt would be cast upon the well known salt contents of the Atlantic Ocean. The gold contents of these gravels, within certain limitations, are well known and established beyond doubt from the actual operation of the mines. Never before to my knowledge, at least, has the gold content of these gravels been questioned in any investigation, either of a private or public character.

GILROY'S TESTIMONY

As stated, Mr. Gilroy, a very eminent engineer, was placed in charge of these investigations to collect the data on which the Board rendered its report and, without imposing upon you gentlemen at great length, let me read a short paragraph of Mr. Gilroy's conclusions in the report that he rendered to the California Debris Commission, that is, with reference to the value of the gravel.

Mr. Gilroy states as follows:

"Based on knowledge of the properties and studies of available data it is my conclusion that there is available at the various mines an ample yardage of gravel workable under the twenty year program and carrying values which will permit the properties to be worked at a profit, thus assuring the return to the Government of capital advanced for the construction of the proposed debris dam."

Mr. Gilroy further states, in commenting on the values of these gravels and of the definite knowledge that exists pertaining to them, as follows:

"The early hydraulic mining operations served to definitely locate the course of the channels and to determine the character and value of the pay gravels. Thus, for properties located along the known gravel channels, the value of new ground in many cases may be estimated from past records of actual recoveries from the washing of large quantities of similar gravel. The values estimated on such a basis are of superior reliability to values resulting from any practical method of sampling by drill holes, test pits or channeling."

"The values in bullion recoverable from the various gravel deposits have been carefully investigated."

"Nearly all the mines under consideration have been operated in the past and the mining proposed under the 20-year program here discussed will be done along the well defined ancient gravel channels which have been substantially proven by this past working. In many cases, the gravels that it is proposed to mine are actually the lower gravels from which the less profitable top gravels have already been piped away. The presence of the richer values at or near bedrock is amply attested by experience."

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT

The conclusions of Mr. Gilroy are borne out by the records of the United States Geological Survey, by the various government departments that have made investigations and that are charged with keeping the records of mining operations, and Mr. Gilroy's conclusions are substantiated by the many prominent engineers in private and public life, who have investigated and reported on these deposits.

At a later point in this hearing, members of the Board, we will submit further evidence with reference to the value of the gravel deposits. Briefs have already been filed with you covering this point.

In the report, as rendered by the California Debris Commission under date of February 13 of this year, the cost of the construction of the dams includes an interest charge.

Including interest on the cost of construction, on a twenty-year basis of return of the money to the Government, practically doubles the actual cost of the capital cost of the proposed structures.

CURIOUS FIGURING

Why the California Debris Commission in its report of February 13, 1935 figured interest in its financial set-up is difficult for me to understand. Inasmuch as the Englebright Act, as passed by the 73rd Congress wherein a definite method is set up for the financing and construction of these dams, makes no mention of an interest charge; nor was any interest charge contemplated. The California Debris Commission should have thoroughly understood this fact and the provisions of the law. Before the bill was introduced and before it was brought before Congress, at my request, a resolution was passed by the Commerce Committee of the United States Senate, asking the California Debris Commission to make an investigation into the hydraulic mining situation of California and also to give an opinion as to the desirability of the proposed change in the law. In its report to Congress, Senate Document No. 90, 70th Congress, 1st Session, and signed by the same senior officer who signed the report of February 13, 1935, the California Deberis Commission stated as follows:

"The proposed method of computation of the tax is based on the theory that the entire capital cost without interest will be returned to the United States if sufficient mining is carried on to cause the dam to be filled to capacity"—and then the California Debris Commission sets out in full, identically word for word, a copy of the amendment that I later introduced into the House and which was passed by Congress, Public Law No. 425.

So that the figuring of interest charges in the set-up, I contend, gentlemen, is without authority of law and is contrary to the very provision of the Englebright amendment.

INTEREST CHARGES OFFSET

At the time the amendment was suggested it was known that the abrogation of an interest charge would be off-set by other benefits that the Federal Government would secure from the construction of these dams; that is, soil erosion, debris control above the dams, and the saving of the dredging of such quantities of debris that may be restrained by the dams going into the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

I respectfully call to the Board's attention to the fact that the financial set-up is not computed in accordance with the law.

The conclusion is also reached in the report of February 13th that the Federal Government has no interest in the construction of hydraulic mining dams. Gentlemen, this conclusion, to begin with, in my opinion, goes beyond the instructions of the resolution of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of the House of Representatives and certainly is not in compliance with the facts pertaining to federal assistance for hydraulic mining, because, as I have endeavored to point out to you in the earlier part of my discussion, the Caminetti Act itself was conceived in the environment and for the purpose of rehabilitating hydraulic mining with federal aid and with federal funds. The Englebright Act reasserts this principle and sets up a definite formula whereby the dams can be constructed with federal aid and the Government be repaid for the money that is advanced.

DISPUTES STATEMENT

The statement that the Federal Government has no interest in such projects, gentlemen, is contrary to every policy and every activity of our Government today, inasmuch as it is giving aid to industry of all types and character throughout the nation. Large federal funds are being appropriated to rehabilitate industry. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, at the last session of the Congress, was amended so as to permit the direct loaning of funds to gold mining companies to bring about resumption of activities. As you know, at this session of Congress, further amendment was made to that Act whereby some ten million dollars has been made available for prospecting purposes for gold and silver load developments. Money, in other words, is advanced to prospectors and mine owners who, with a certain expenditure, can develop profitable gold ore deposits.

The President, at the last session of the Congress, as you recall, sent a special message to Congress transmitting his Waterflow Report, and in that report, under the heading of the Development of the Water Resources of the Sacramento Valley, the report specifically recommends that no complete development of the water resources of the great valley of California be undertaken without giving consideration and providing for dams for hydraulic mining operations.

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I want to impress upon the Board that the hydraulic mining industry was a great and important industry to the State of California; that it contributed to the economic welfare of this country; and that today we are asking for the assistance to which we believe it is entitled under the law. The construction of hydraulic mining dams with federal funds on the Bear, American and Yuba Rivers will pave the way for the unlocking of $600,000,000 worth of virgin-buried gold in the Sierra Nevadas of California. Gold is real wealth and the standard by which all other wealth is measured. Its production is the creating of a new purchasing power, not only so far as its intrinsic value is concerned, but it is a wealth that when produced is the germ or means of producing additional wealth. It is different in its results from that of other productions, as it is not consumed, worn out, or destroyed. Its influence and its motion may be termed perpetual for the common good of all.

The rehabilitation of the hydraulic mining industry of California will be an industry that will not compete with any other line of industry. The benefits to be derived are potential and substantial and will bring about industrial development and recovery in California, which is now suffering from the depression along with the entire nation.

Gentlemen of the Board, from the evidence which is available in the field reports rendered under the supervision of Mr. U. B. Gilroy, the evidence in the briefs which have been filed with you and the evidence presented here today, let me request that hydraulic mining dams be constructed with federal funds on the Bear, American and Yuba Rivers in California for the purpose of rehabilitating the hydraulic mining industry.

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MUNICIPAL POOL OPEN NEXT WEEK

The Nevada City Park Commission met Tuesday evening and organized. R. J. Bennetts was chosen secretary and H. M. Leete, secretary. The recommendations of Addison Janes, life guard at the swimming pool, were read and the commission adopted the following items among them as its own and recommended to the city council that they be carried out:

(a) New fasteners for wire fence about swimming pool, to prevent injuryt o bathers. (b) Red bands for arms, or other marking, for non-swimmers, to identify them for special life guard protection. (c) Sprinkling system to prevent dust blowing into pool. (d) cement walk around wading pool, which may be laid when porch floor of community house is under construction; walk and keeping wading pool clean. (g) City insurance to cover accidents at pool. (h) Depth numerals or markers along walls of pool. (i) Installment of phone at change house, the need of which is indicated by an accident last fall at the swimming pool of a neighboring city. (j) Installation of chlorinator immediately; and purchase of a life buoy with sixty feet of rope.

The commission also recommended two granite slabs near the community house be erected and used as gate posts at the Nimrod street entrance; that the road through the park be covered with fine stone screenings; that one or two ditches and holes along the road be drained or filled; that turnouts be constructed along the road; that flood lights be installed over the pool; that levels be run across the recreation field preparatory to grading it for recreation and sports uses; that when a kitchen is constructed at the community house that it be placed at the east end, and that the west end windows be altered accordingly; that a screen be placed over the chimney of the public fireplace near Little Deer Creek to prevent sparks blowing out into the surrounding forest; that the city health authorities be asked to eliminate an open toilet on Silva avenue; that samples of spring water be sent to the state public health authorities to be tested; that arrangements be made with the city council for the proper cleaning of the pool at stated intervals.

The commission accepted the offer of Mrs. Flindt to conduct a story hour twice a week at the park, gladly accepted, and secretary asked to tender the thanks of the commission to Mrs. Flindt.

The commission decided to meet with Addison Janes prior to the opening of the pool, probably June 3, and make arrangements for the season's schedule. The commission decided that the janitor work in the change rooms should be done by the life guard, either before, or after, opening of the pool each day.

The commission decided that no steps toward charging an admission fee for the use of the swimming pool and change rooms, should be taken until it has gained some experience in the conduct of the park and pool and has a better grasp of amount of financing needed to maintain it at proper standards.

The question of maintaining a small concession at one of the change rooms, for the sale of candy and other small articles, was discussed but no decision was reached.

GRASS VALLEY ALL SET FOR JULY FOURTH

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration in Grass Valley are rapidly moving forward. The committee is planning an elaborate celebration as they believe there will be a record crowd in attendance. The committee held their weekly meeting in the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce headquarters Wednesday night and feel that their plans are in good shape.

Announcement was made that they hope to have four bands in the parade: The Grass Valley High School Band, Nevada City High School Band, Grass Valley Concert Band and the Columbia Park Boys Club Band of San Francisco. Harold George and A. R. Curnow compose the music committee.

In addition to the illuminated display of floats on the night of July 3 the "Horribles" as in early day celebrations will be a feature.

On July 4 the parade will begin at 10 a. m. followed by patriotic exercises with band music, glee club and A Capella choir singing, address by Congressman Harry L. Englebright, following parade; continuous sports program from 1 p. m. until night fall, culminating in a band concert and fireworks at Memorial Park.

The morning parade will be built around the theme of the twelve months of the year with floats depicting and representing the most important dates in the months.

William Rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rector returned home from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, on Monday, having completed his second year of work. He came home by car and will spend his summer in Nevada City.

DOWNIEVILLE

The two men hurt in the accident last Saturday on Depot Hill are well on the road to recovery under the care of Doctor C. C. Sutton at the county hospital.

Last Saturday Katherine Lavezzola, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lavezzola, caught her arm in the electric wringer and had it drawn up to above the elbow. X-ray pictures were taken by Doctor Hardie of Alleghany which revealed no fractures.

R. F. Taylor and D. W. Mills have been surveying in Sierra Valley for the past few days.

Judge and Mrs. J. M. McMahon and Mrs. Ruby Lavezzola returned Sunday from a weeks trip to Oakland.

An inquest was held Wednesday afternoon on the body of Andrew McAdoo of Indian Valley whose body was found in his tent. He is believed to have been dead about three days. The jury returned a verdict of death by natural causes.

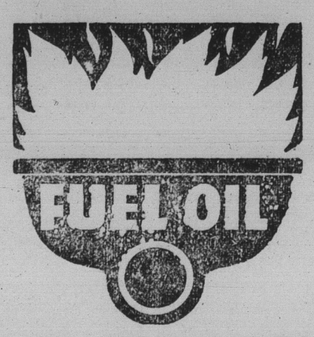
Mr. Anderson, superintendent of the Scales Placer Mining Co., of Scales, and Mrs. Anderson are guests of County Surveyor George Taylor for a few days.

MRS. FARMER HOSTESS AT OUTDOOR BREAKFAST

Mrs. F. A. Farmer entertained at a most delightful nine o'clock breakfast in her gardens at Robinson Heights on Tuesday. The setting under the tall pines was most beautiful and the ladies were greatly charmed with Mrs. Farmer's cordial hospitality and her beautiful garden. Guests at the breakfast were: Mrs. Claude Ferguson, Mrs. Raglan Tuttle, Mrs. Otto Schiffner, Mrs. Helen de Rodda and daughter, Mary of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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The re-juvenation of the interior of the Harris Drug Store goes on rapidly with Howard Ross in charge of the work. The new color scheme of blue and silver applied to Howard's excellent cabinet work will make a fine installation.

H. W. Pricer was the painting contractor on the fixtures.

We have finally taken a few hours off and built a small display board showing the most popular types of Pabco Shingles. If interested you will find the display alongside of our office on Boulder Street.

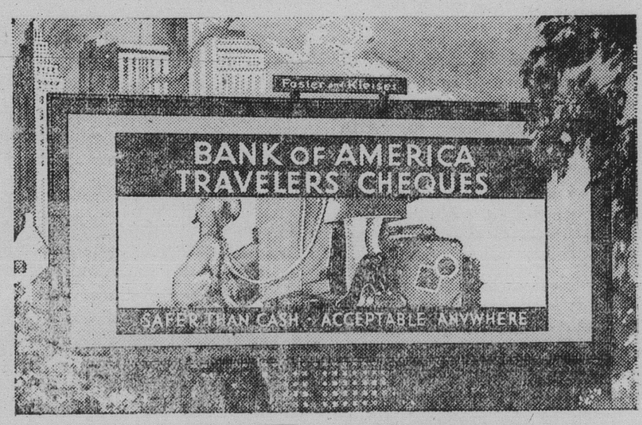
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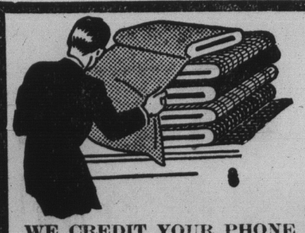
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LEGISLATIVE LETTER
by Graham Berry

(By WNU Service)

For the first time this season legislators have begun aligning themselves behind the party banners. This move was started by Epicdemocrats in the Assembly under Assemblyman William M. Jones, who is loudly opposed to Governor Merriam's budget program as it stands.

The Democrats warn that they are going to hold up passage of the budget plan until 12 Bourbon-sponsored items are included. Administration forces are not at all in favor of including the items.

This threat of deadlock, coming as it does during the final days of the session, may extend the session, or may cause a recess until January of next year. The Democrats plus a few anti-Merriam Republicans have declared their willingness to remain in Sacramento all summer until a compromise is reached.

By way of impressing their threat on the Legislature, Assemblyman Ernest Voigt, Los Angeles, has introduced a resolution calling for a committee "on quarters and subsistence." The committee would borrow National Guard equipment and set up a camp in Capitol Park and provide food for the legislators and their families. The reason for the proposed camp is to cut the expenses of living in hotels.

Legislative salaries of $12 a day ceased May 22. For more than a week the politicians have patriotically shaken their fists and called each other names without compensation from the taxpayers. Each legislator is allowed $1200 a year, to be paid $100 a month in non-session years and $12 a day until $1200 is paid, during session years. Twelve-hundred dollars had been paid the gentlemen at Sacramento up to May 22.

If nothing else, the present Legislature has established a record for the number of days in session. The former record was held by the Legislature of 1861, the lawmakers finishing their work on May 20. The present session has cost the state a cool quarter-million so far.

As for the items which the Epics are fighting to have included in the budget program, they are:

Severance tax, income tax of at least one-third Federal rates, production-for-use law, minimum old-age pension of $50 a month, unemployment insurance, exemptions of food-stuffs from sales tax, passage of Jones debt moratorium, stock transfer tax, calling of a constitutional convention, approval of legislation making oil and gas pipe lines common carriers, final passage of the pending revenue bond bills, and enactment of the so-called little NRA code.

General legislative approval has already been expressed over such items as exemptions of food-stuffs from sales tax, Jones debt moratorium and the old-age pension. Such proposals as unemployment insurance and the calling of a constitutional convention will probably be held over until next session, despite Democratic pressure. A committee has already been appointed to study unemployment insurance and will report their findings at the 1937 session.

Bourbons are firm, however, in asserting that they will do everything they can to delay passage of the budget until their demands are met.

Test Budget in Vote

The first actual vote test came last week. Although the vote in the Assembly was 51 to 27 for immediate consideration, it fell short by five votes of the necessary two-thirds majority needed for passage. Because the budget total exceeds by $15,000,000 the 1933-35 budget, it must have a two-thirds vote to pass.

Immediately following the test vote failure, an Assembly "wrecking crew" started action to eliminate the 5 per cent tax increase limitation as provided in the Riley-Stewart Act. The limitation act declares that no political unit, from the cities up to the state, can increase their expenses by more than 5 per cent over the previous year. This provision terminates June 30, and unless it is reinstated by the Legislature, there can be no check on government expenses.

This limit can be over-ruled only by a majority vote of the people or by a two-thirds vote of the legislative houses.

Another means of getting the budget through would be to return it to committee and lop $15,000,000 from it. Then it would come under the 5 per cent limit and would require only a bare majority passage.

The Bourbons seem confident that they can delay the session long enough to force through their demands. If the budget is passed soon, it is expected that the session will close immediately afterwards, holding over until next session a good deal of unfinished business. Thus the Bourbons must keep the budget from passing if they hope to gain any of their points.

Of course, since it was first considered, the budget has been increased until it totals nearly $400,000,000. Increases amounting to nearly a million dollars have been granted to the University of California. More money than was at first expected has to be raised for unemployment relief and a million and a quarter has been tacked on the allotment for state hospitals, asylums and prisons because of the increase in food costs.

With all the increases in sight, there seems little hope that the meager cutting of state expenses proposed during the session will aid the taxpayer materially. The second record established during the present session is to place the budget at an all-time high.

Nerve-racking

After five months of proposing, voting and amending, the strain is beginning to tell on the Legislature. Good humor is becoming scarcer and tongue lashings more frequent. More than once fist have been clenched for something more than driving a point home.

One of the wildest sessions ever held in the Assembly took place the other night, and all over the color of the eagles on the south facade of the Capitol. In 1933, Rolland A. Vandergrift, then state director of finance, had the color of the decorative gold eagles changed to blue, merely as a "stunt."

Epic floor leader, Assemblyman Jones introduced a resolution, demanding an apology to the Federal government because last week the birds were retinted gold, their original color.

In Jones' resolution was a vituperative attack on Assemblyman E. V. Latham, referring to him as "misguided, narrow-minded, unpatriotic and inspired by motives of insane political prejudice." Latham was the one who had made the suggestion that the birds be restored to their original hue. He was also accused of trading his vote for a paint job.

Reading of the resolution blew the lid off.

"Liar!" cried Latham, who declared that because of the unpopularity of the NRA, the change to blue had been "an insult to the people of the state."

Amid the boos and cheers, Speaker Edward Craig's gavel nearly broke through his desk as he pounded for order. Finally the bedlam subsided and the motion was referred to committee for tabling.

In another tumult, Assemblyman Ben Rosenthal, Democrat, ended a sally with Assemblyman Frank Wright, Republican, with "You're not red, you're a yellow belly."

While discussing the same issue, Assemblyman Pat McMurray challenged a statement by Assemblyman Lee Geyer and rushed across the floor to back his statement with his fists. Sergeants-at-arms pushed down the aisles, but the battle ended in a verbal barrage.

Still another example of Assembly ill humor occurred when Assemblyman Thomas Maloney introduced a well-meaning resolution, congratulating Assemblyman J. E. Frazier on his birthday.

Assemblyman John O'Donnell didn't catch the meaning of the resolution and protested, "Let's quit wasting our time on this junk and get down to work."

After the misunderstanding had been cleared up, the congratulatory resolution was presented with O'Donnell's approval and passed unanimously.

Farmers Speak

The farmer's voice has been heard at Sacramento and the Legislature listened. In the first place, the agriculturists are very much in favor of a state police. Declared T. C. Tucker, official of several farm organizations, "I cannot speak for all the State Board of Agriculture members but it is my impression that every member is in favor of a strong state force, either by strengthening the highway patrol or in other ways."

John E. Pickett, farm magazine editor, added, "Agitators roam the state during the crop season, setting fires to stir up trouble. Last year, farmers in numerous instances called on the State Highway Patrol for assistance. I feel sure an overwhelming percentage of farmers look on such a force as the way to handle the situation."

Another measure for improving farm conditions is the farm electrification bill, passed by the Assembly and given a unanimous recommend by the Senate municipal corporations committee.

Provision, under the bill, is made for formation of nonprofit electrical membership corporations, rural public agencies empowered to distribute low-cost electric energy in the farming districts of California. The farmers' membership corporations would have authority to construct or acquire systems for the production, transmission or distribution of energy.

Power could be obtained either from publicly owned projects, such as the Central Valley Water Project, or from privately owned power corporations, and then distributed economically by the farm districts. A majority vote of the farmer corporation membership would make it possible to issue bonds to finance such undertakings.

It was pointed out that 60 per cent of the farms in California are now using electricity, the state tying Rhode Island for the highest percentage in the nation. Under the new rural alectrification plans, most of the remaining 40 per cent will be able to enjoy "electric labor." It is one of the revenue bond ideas approved by the Roosevelt administration.

Also in line with the President's policy and also a revenue bond measure is the Garrison-Jespersen bill, which has been passed by both houses. This bill provides for the creation of publicly owned utilities in cities.

Other measures of statewide importance on which the Legislature is working include:

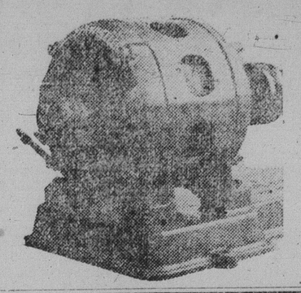
County consolidation; Assemblyman Thomas Cunningham's amendment to allow people right to vote on consolidation question unanimously approved by assembly constitutional committee.

Single house legislature bill tabled.

State lottery plan killed.

Cities will get double share of state gas tax. Bill passed both houses and Merriam has said he approves measure.

Central Valley voted $1,211,000 by assembly ways and means committee.

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. F. T. Nilon To Spend Summer Here

The many friends of Mrs. F. T. Nilon will be glad to know that she has returned to her home in Nevada City after spending the winter in San Francisco. Mrs. Nilon, with her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. T. Morgan will remain at the Nilon Nevada street home until the fall.

Mrs. A. P. Moore a sister who spent last summer with Mrs. Nilon will soon take a trip to Alaska after which she will visit Mrs. Nilon here.

Gordon Hadley to Wed Miss Monica Wright

The announcement of the engagement of Gordon Hadley and Miss Monica Wright has been received. Mr. Hadley is the son of Mrs. Hildegarde Hadley of Arcata and the grandson of Mrs. George Scarfe of this city. Miss Wright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wright of Bellevue, Idaho. The wedding will take place in the fall at the home of Miss Wright's parents in Idaho.

Fifth Grade Mothers Win School Banner

The Fifth Grade of Washington Grammar School, because of the largest number of mothers attending the P. T. A. meetings over the past term, have won the banner prize and will be entertained at a picnic. Mrs. Lester Gregory, class mother, assisted by several mothers, will entertain the class of about 45 children in the new, or Pioneer Park on next Wednesday afternoon.

The children are looking forward to the happy time with keen anticipation. Several hours are to be spent in playing of games after which a delicious picnic lunch is to be served.

THE LEROY DELANEYS HOME FROM LONG TRIP

Major and Mrs. LeRoy DeLaney returned Tuesday from a twelve weeks trip through many states. Mr. and Mrs. DeLaney left on March 11 for the east to attend to business affairs but in the prolonged trip found time for much sight seeing and social times. Their trip covered 9,000 miles.

They left Los Angeles and went to Palm Springs by way of Yuma, and Douglas, Arizona to El Paso and Dallas in Texas, thence to Little Rock, Arkansas. From Little Rock they motored to Memphis, Nashville and Bristol, Tennessee and then through Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Leaving Maryland they journeyed through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and to New York City and Long Island.

They were the guests of relatives on Long Island and were extensively entertained during their six weeks stay there and in New York.

The home trip was made by way of Niagara Falls and through Eastern Canada, then to Detroit, to Chicago, to Omaha, Cheyenne, Wyoming to Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah, then home to California.

Major and Mrs. DeLaney say although they had a wonderful trip, seeing marvelous sights and visiting friends, that they are glad to be back in Nevada City with its charm and beauty.

SPRING HILL MINE

The Spring Hill mine interests are down about twenty feet in sinking operations on what is to be the main shaft. At the same time the company is driving a pilot raise to hole through from the 300 foot level. Sinking will then proceed with the muck being taken down and out through the old workings, greatly simplifying the work. About thirty men are employed under Superintendent H. R. Plate.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Krough and daughter, returned home Monday from Tuscon, Arizona, after a several months stay. On their way home they visited the Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam.

Dr. B. W. Hummelt treated Lloyd Bankus, an employee of the Spanish mine near Washington, for a fractured toe. He is making a good recovery.

Charles Burilson, who is employed at DeSoto, and who left Nevada City 45 years ago, is here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gregory. He was a close friend of Mr. Gregory's parents and is enjoying his visit. He does not see so many changes in Nevada City, but the outlying districts have many more homes than when he left.

Mrs. Ted Sinnock and son of Colfax visited with Mrs. Sinnock's sister, Mrs. Harry Bolton on Wednesday. Upon her return home she was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rife of Portland, Oregon, is visiting in Nevada City with her sister, Mrs. B. W. Hummelt and Mr. Hummelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Krough had as Memorial Day guests Mrs. Krough's mother and brother, Mrs. E. S. Boyd and Joe Boyd, of Sacramento.

Charles Hanks of Nevada City, suffered a broken leg while loading rocks on a truck for the SERA in Willow Valley Monday. He was taken to his home where Dr. B. W. Hummelt set the fracture.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Williams of Nevada City had as guests over Memorial Day, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Deal and three children and Mrs. Seth Wheelock all of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Art King and Mrs. Patsy Morris, all of Forest.

Mrs. J. C. Scheemer has as a house guest an old time friend, Mrs. W. G. Shan, of Palo Alto.

Mrs. Al Williams, of Park avenue of this city, gave a dinner Wednesday evening in honor of the tighth birthday of her daughter, Fay Williams. A number of relatives and friends were present for the happy occasion, and she received many pretty gifts.

Mrs. W. T. Driver and Mr. Driver, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffries and daughter of Grass Valley will spend Decoration Day and the week end at Banner visiting at the home of Captain George A. Nihell.

Miss Evelyn OConnor, teacher in the Roseville schools, is spending the week end in Nevada City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. O'Connor.

Miss Helen Arbogast, student at the College of the Pacific, is to spend this week end with her parents, Supervisor and Mrs. C. S. Arbogast.

Miss Alice Marie Randall, daughter of Mrs. Lyda Randall of Sylva aveenue, Nevada City, who has been in the employ of the P. G. & E. company in Auburn for two or three years, was transferred to the Grass Valley office, about two weeks ago. She will relieve Miss Rachel Penrose of the Nevada City office, one day each week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Snell of Hollister and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hart of Sacramento, former Nevada City residents, were here on Memorial Day.

Mrs. Katherine Celio and daughter, Katherine will leave June 1 to spend the summer in the bay region.

SOLDIER DEAD ARE HONORED

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former marched into the building playing and were followed by the Grass Valley band to the balcony.

Throngs packed the theatre, many standing. C. E. Bosworth, commander of Banner Mt. Post, V. F. W., of Nevada City, took charge of the program. The crowd arose as the colors were assembled in front and to one side of the stage, after which the two bands rendered a selection which filled the large building with melody. Commander Bosworth made a few remarks on Memorial Day and in honor of veterans of all wars.

Chaplain Earl Raymond, was next with a prayer. The Nevada City and Grass Valley bands played another patriotic selection.

Judge George L. Jones was introduced and in opening remarks stated the rain drops may have spoiled many flowers, but it was evident that it had not dampened the love of country, patriotism and great desire to pay loving tribute to our veterans. He stated the G. A. R. was the first organization to arrange programs for Memorial Day. In the local Post as it dwindled this duty fell practically on the late Judge Walling of this city, who always received the active support of John O'Neill. In recent years the V. F. W., Spanish American and American Legion have united in commemoration of the day that it may not pass unnoticed.

This noble group of men serve not merely their organizations but the community and nation as demonstrated by the American Legion in Grass Valley a few days ago. Judge Jones stated our nation has had a wonderful existence commencing with the Revolution, the Civil War, Spanish-American, and World War, the protection has served to keep us ever progressing, and upward to success. Tribute was also paid to our navy and marines. He believes in rearmament for protection from unwarranted attack as we prepare to drive out and extinguish the pirates, bandits and other destructive forces in our own land. Another danger he warned of from within was the Reds or radicals, stating there was no question an effort is being made to make this land a Soviet government subservient to Russia.

Judge Jones quoted from investigations from our government officials, and stated it will take the watchfulness of all of our loyal citizens to stamp out this menace, preparing to overthrow the finest government in the world. He read the Gettysburg address of Abraham Lincoln, still a gripping appeal to guard our homes and land. In conclusion Judge Jones requested that in times of peace the citizens must see to it that the sacrafices of our veterans be not in vain and that our flag continue to wave over this the land of liberty, justice and equality.

In closing Chaplain Earl Raymond rendered a prayer after which the standing audience listened to the Star Spangled Banner, by the band. Bugler John Nettel of the American Legion was heard next.

From the theatre the crowd went to Pine Grove cemetery where Judge Jones in a few well chosen remarks dedicated the flag and flag-pole in memory of George Morgan Mott, G. A. R. veteran. The beautiful flag means more to the citizens of the United States than any other nation.

This large flag was the property of Mr. Mott's late widow and it was felt fitting it should be so honored. George Morgan Mott enlisted in the Civil War when 16 years of age in Michigan. He was not only a splendid citizen, and soldier with courteous and erect carriage, but a great lover of little children. In the thought of dedicating the flag to their father the Mesdames George L. Jones and G. J. Rector also had in mind Mr. Mott's many comrades who lie buried in the same plot.

Flowers were placed on the grave of Ben Hunt Marsh, by the Nevada City High School, he having graduated from it shortly before joining United States forces in the late war.

Legion Bugler John Nettel gave a salute to the Colors as the large flag was raised, a salute was also given by the firing squad. Taps by Bugler Nettel were sounded and from the far off distance came the echo of Taps by Ray Wilde, Nevada City high school boy, bringing the solemnly sweet service to a close.

The crowd then went to the Catholic cemetery where memorial services were rendered for Veterans Will Hegarty and Pete Muscardini.

Grass Valley veterans, Auxiliary and citizens turned out well to assist in paying tribute to the dead of all wars and loves ones departed.

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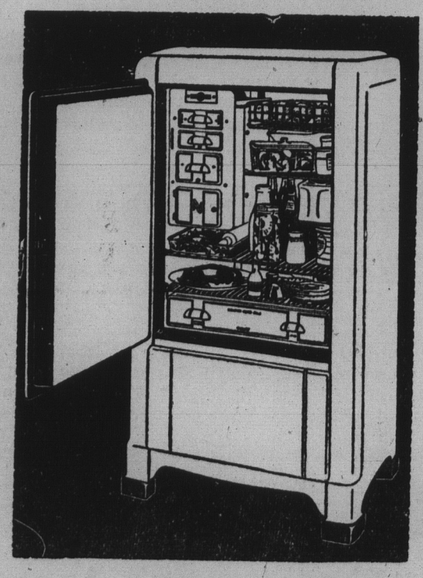
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